

# SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Purpose

The Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (the Authority) was established on June 22, 1993, as a separate entity, under a joint exercise of powers agreement between The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and The City of Santa Clarita. The Authority was established to identify, acquire, develop, and conserve park lands, open space lands, and water oriented projects. The Authority will ensure that these project areas are restored, developed and conserved in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority Governing Board.

## Primary Activities

Activities include maintaining areas purchased by or assigned to the Authority and to identify future sites that would be suitable for acquisition for the purpose of creating additional open space, parks and trails.

In June, 2002, the Authority acquired approximately 442 acres of undeveloped land known as the Whitney Canyon Ranch. The acquisition of this land was important not only to protect the area's natural resources, but to provide trail opportunities, watershed resources, and a portal to the Angeles National Forest. Subsequent to the land acquisition, the Authority entered into a reciprocal management agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to provide for operations and management of open space parkland owned by the Authority. These activities include but are not limited to: visitor protection, public safety, fire management, administration, public information, environmental education, interpretation and publications, resource management,

maintenance, environmental restoration, design and construction of park facilities, planning, signage, and development of policies.

Subsequent to the initial land acquisition, the Authority has begun and/ or completed various projects designed to enhance the usage of the open space area, including construction of a ranger residence and nature center, oil well remediation, and clearance and restoration of specific land areas within the park.

## Performance Goals

- Implement the priorities identified by the Santa Clarita Watershed Conservation and Recreation Authority Governing Board.
- Restoration and revitalization of the Whitney Canyon open space and parkland.
- Identify potential sites for future development.

Fiscal Year 2007-08		
Acct #	Description	Amount
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>		
8110	Professional Services: Financial Audit fees	1,563
<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>		<b>1,563</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
8620	Land and Land Improvements	310,757
	Depreciation	4,425
	Oil Well contingency	5,000
	Conceptual Area Protection Plan	25,853
	Oil Well Remediation	39,252
8630	Buildings and Structures	
	Park Improvements- restrooms, tables, fencing, vegetation, signage	35,500
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>		<b>420,787</b>
<b>Total 2007/08 Budget</b>		<b>\$422,350</b>

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**Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation & Conservation Authority**  
**Statement of Fund Balance**  
Estimated 2006-07

Fund No.	Fund	July 1, 2006 Fund Balance	Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Outlay/ Investment Capital Expenditures	Operating Transfers In/Out	Projected June 30, 2007 Balance
502	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation & Conservation Authority	\$ 409,400	\$ 104,500	\$ (4,455)		\$ -	\$ 509,445
503	Investment in General Fixed Assets	5,252,521			(89,744)		\$ 5,162,777
	Total Funds 502 & 503	5,661,921	104,500	(4,455)	(89,744)	0	5,672,222

Fund Balance components:		
Investment in Capital Assets	Fund Equity	Total Investments, Net Assets & Fund Balance June 30
\$ -	\$ 509,445	\$ 509,445
5,162,777	-	5,162,777
5,162,777	509,445	5,672,222

**Statement of Fund Balance**  
Projected 2007-08

Fund No.	Fund	Projected July 1, 2007 Fund Balance	Estimated Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Outlay/ Investment Capital Expenditures	Operating Transfers In/Out	Projected June 30, 2008 Balance
502	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation & Conservation Authority	\$ 509,445	\$ 6,000	\$ (1,563)		\$ -	\$ 513,882
503	Investment in General Fixed Assets	5,162,777			(420,787)		\$ 4,741,990
	Total Funds 502 & 503	5,672,222	6,000	(1,563)	(420,787)	0	5,255,872

Fund Balance components:		
Investment in Capital Assets	Fund Equity	Total Investments, Net Assets & Fund Balance June 30
\$ -	\$ 513,882	\$ 513,882
\$ 4,741,990	-	\$ 4,741,990
4,741,990	513,882	5,255,872

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Estimate of operating budget for SCWRCA - for FYE 063008

	2003-04 Budget Amounts appropriated on Original Contract ( A )	Amounts Expended as of 6-30-04( B )	Remaining budget = Prior Year Budget Amounts to be continued for Fiscal Year 05	Additional Budget Items for Fiscal Year 05	Amounts Expended as of 6-30-05	Remaining budget = Prior Year Budget Amounts to be continued for Fiscal Year 06	Additional Budget Items for Fiscal Year 06	Budget Items for Fiscal Year 06	Amounts Expended as of 6-30-06	Remaining budget = Prior Year Budget Amounts to be continued for Fiscal Year 07	Additional Budget Items for Fiscal Year 07	Budget Items for Fiscal Year 07	Estimated Amounts Expended for Fiscal Year 07 as of 6-4-07	Remaining budget = Prior Year Budget Amounts to be continued for Fiscal Year 08	Additional Budget Items for Fiscal Year 08	Budget Items for Fiscal Year 08
Operational:																
Refund of Prior year Contribution from MRCA-( Escrow refund)	-	(10,700.83)	(10,700.83)	-	(1,900.00)			-								
Audit Fees - Diehl Evans 063004	-	-	-	4,750.00												
Audit Fees - Diehl Evans 063005				5,000.00		(2,850.83)										
Unidentified- use for remaining audit exp.	8,300.00		8,300.00			8,300.00		5,449.17					0.00			
Audit Fees - Diehl Evans 063006									(2,900.00)				0.00			
Unidentified- use for remaining audit exp.										2,549.17			2,549.17			
Audit Fees - Diehl Evans 063007														(1,550.00)		
Unidentified- use for remaining audit exp.														999.17	575.00 ( J )	1,574.17
Federal Express charges									(11.23)	(11.23)		(11.23)		(11.23)		(11.23)
Whitney Canyon Park:																
Capital:																
Oil Well Abandonment and remediation	49,000.00		49,000.00					-								
Increase estimate of oil well remediation procedures to a total of \$80,000			-	31,000.00	(15,000.00)	65,000.00	-	65,000.00		65,000.00		65,000.00	(40,747.91) 15,000.00 ( I )	39,252.09		39,252.09
Refund of Oil Well Bond								-								
Oil Well Contingency	5,000.00		5,000.00			5,000.00	-	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Site clean up - lower canyon	8,800.00	(8,800.00)	-		-	-		-		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
Park Improvements: Restroom, tables, fencing, vegetation, signage	35,500.00		35,500.00			35,500.00		35,500.00		35,500.00		35,500.00		35,500.00		35,500.00
Conceptual Area Protection Plan and Land Appraisals (MOU)	48,400.00		48,400.00		(22,546.84)	25,853.16	0.00 ( C )	25,853.16		25,853.16		25,853.16		25,853.16		25,853.16
Depreciation Expense			-			-	13,275.00	13,275.00	0.00	13,275.00	4,425.00	17,700.00	(17,700.00) ( K )	0.00	4,425.00	4,425.00
Additional Land Acquisitions:																
Capital:																
Estimate of available funds to be used for additional land acquisition			-	300,000.00		300,000.00	(250,000.00)	50,000.00		50,000.00	(50,000.00) ( F )	0.00		0.00		0.00
#1: Agua Dulce land purchases							250,000.00	250,000.00	(44,672.00) ( E )	205,328.00		205,328.00		205,328.00		205,328.00
#2: East SC/Soledad area project with Riverside Land Conservancy											50,000.00 ( F )	150,000.00	(59,571.05)	90,428.95		90,428.95
Additional monies to be contributed from outside agencies for the East SC/Soledad area project											100,000.00 ( H )					
Additional Appraisals										0.00	15,000.00 ( G )	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Total Authorized Contract Items	155,000.00	(19,500.83)	135,499.17	340,750.00	(39,446.84)	436,802.33	13,275.00	450,077.33	(47,583.23)	402,494.10	119,425.00	521,919.10	(104,568.96)	417,350.14	5,000.00	422,350.14
2006-07 budget to be continued to 07-08:																

- ( A ) Per Resolution 04-02: March 16,2004:  
( B ) Amounts were accrued at year end 06-30-04 per billings from MRCA  
( C ) Additional budget requests per MRCA and SMRC- ( Note - additional \$25,000 for Conceptual Area Protection Plan was requested for fiscal year 6-30-06 - this was not included in the 6-30-06 budget requests as there is insufficient fund balance to support th  
( D ) Of the \$300,000 budgeted for additional land acquisitions, \$250,000 will be allocated for land purchases in the Agua Dulce Cyn Rd area  
( E ) Land purchase of Agua Dulce Cyn Rd parcel  
( F ) Of the \$300,000 budgeted for additional land acquisitions, \$150,000 will be allocated for the Riverside Land Conservancy project (East SC/Soledad Area)---see letter (H) for additional funding  
( G ) \$15,000 additional budget request per MRCA for future appraisals.  
( H ) \$100k will be contributed to the East SC/Soledad Area Project from the City of Santa Clarita & Vulcan  
( I ) \$15,000 Refund of Oil Well Bond  
( J ) Yearly audit fees estimated at \$ 1,550 per year  
( K ) Depreciation Expense recognized includes 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 (each fiscal year at \$4,425 per year)